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## OTTAWA PLEASED BY RESPONSE TO PRICE CONTROL

### General Prices Up 14.8 Points--Farm Prices 9

#### STATE FAVORABLE START MADE IN CEILING POLICY

Farm Products Not Directly Controlled, but Ceiling on Processed Products

#### FARM MACHINERY

Ban Further Increases in Prices  
Machinery, Implements, Spare  
Parts to Farmers

By M. McDougall  
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Dec. 3rd.—The Government has set its Plimsoll mark on all prices and has called on the crew and all passengers to help to prevent the economic ship of this country from foundering in a sea of inflation. That may be an elaborate metaphor, but it is unquestionably true that the success of navigation depends a great deal on the attitude and indeed the active help of the passengers.

#### Adventure in Control

The blanket price ceiling may be an adventure; it has been called an experiment as it has never been hitherto attempted in such sweeping measure by any democratic country. There is no question there will be plenty of difficulties to straighten out before the vessel reaches calm havens, but the Government is determined, and with co-operation from all will succeed. It is gratified by the response of the public so far.

Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, told newspaper editors and owners recently in Ottawa that the evils of inflation in Germany brought about the rise of Hitler. When Owen Young, head of an American Reparations Commission, visited Berlin in 1924, he was told that what the Germans wanted above everything else was a stabilized currency.

About that time a paper sold in the streets of a German city for the equivalent at par of the total cost of the British effort in this war. Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Baltic countries and France all suffered severely from inflation though none so seriously as Germany. It is beside the point to mention that German leaders wilfully destroyed the German mark. The baleful influence of the uncontrolled inflation was none-the-less deplorable. Your correspondent lived in central Europe during those years and can say that inflation and the ruin that follows in its wake remain as a spectre.

#### Women Can Aid Enforcement

The personnel of the prices board has been widely expanded. Administrators over commodities and services have been appointed. There will be an enforcement unit to examine complaints, to make investigations for administrators. Weights and Measures inspectors will aid the board. There will be warnings to dealers. There may be revocation of licenses

#### East African Campaign Ended Here



With the fall of Gondar, announced by the British on November 28th, Mussolini's East African empire came to an end. Prisoners taken exceeded 10,000, about half of them Italian, the rest native. The picture reveals the hilly nature of the Gondar country, which formed a formidable bastion from which to make a last stand. More British Imperial troops have thus been released for Libya or the Middle East.

in flagrant cases of violation of the price law. But to make the new regulations really successful the force of public opinion must marshal itself in support. As Chairman Gordon said, he looked to the women who purchase the goods for the family to see that the law is not violated.

Industry, it is said, has shown a "fine spirit". A favorable start has been made through such industries as the cotton manufacturers and distributors in the process of distributing the loss on future sales. It is a process of adjusting backwards from the retailer to the producer of the article sold. War goods are in a special category. They take precedence over all others. Importers of war goods are told to go ahead with their plans, and are assured that they will be indemnified for any loss that might arise from increased import prices. Importations of essential consumer goods will be aided in cases of necessity through reduction or elimination of import duties or through subsidies.

#### How Farmers Are Affected

In relation to farm products, it may not be out of place to repeat announcements over the last several days. Maximum prices in a number of cases will be governed by the highest prices paid in "recognised markets" during the basic period (September 15th to October 11th). Maximum prices will be fixed for specific commodities such as milk, butter, cheese and eggs. In the case of eggs, the fixed price applies to Class A, other grades

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#### OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW FARM PRICE LEVEL IS LAGGING

Low Price of Wheat Most Serious Factor in Present Disparity

#### SURVEY PUBLISHED

Field Products Rose Only 3.7 Points During Past Two Years in Canada

The U.S. Department of Agriculture which gives close attention to the conditions and problems of Canadian agriculture, has published in a recent issue of its official bulletin, *Foreign Crops and Markets*, a survey of Canadian farm prices in relation to the price ceiling policy.

#### Wheat Most Serious

While the general wholesale price index of the Dominion rose 14.8 points between September 1939 and September 1941, farm products rose only 9 points. Wheat, of course, has kept down the average; livestock and livestock products gained 17.8 points, to a high of 99.6 points, or close to the 1926 level which is taken as "parity". But field products prices rose only 3.7 points, to a high of 57.6—still far below the 1926 "parity" level.

Reasons advanced by a representative of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, at a recent Toronto meeting, why counter-inflationary policies are particularly important to farmers, are quoted in the bulletin. It is stated that agricultural recovery from depressions following wartime price inflation is very slow. Agricultural production cannot be readily curtailed—it is operated by family labor, and it deals with living things, which cannot be abandoned without disaster. High costs of land, livestock, and machinery, bought during brief periods of inflation, may be a burden for very long periods.

#### Quarter of Russia's Wheat Exports Came from North Caucasus

#### Area Recently Threatened By Nazis Has Great Agricultural Resources

The North Caucasus—the plain running north from the Caucasus mountains, between the Black Sea and the Caspian—which has recently been threatened by the Nazi invaders, is an important agricultural section of Russia. It includes about 30,000,000 acres of cropped land, and is operated by about 7,600 collective farms and 300 state farms. During the five years 1930-31 to 1934-35, the North Caucasus produced over a quarter of Russia's exports of wheat, and nearly as large a proportion of other grains. It is also a livestock country, and produces large quantities of tobacco and oilseed crops.

#### Big Gold Dividends

Dividends paid to shareholders in eight of the largest gold mining companies of Northern Ontario, in their last fiscal years, amounted to over 38 per cent of the total value of gold mined.

Hon. John Hart, former Finance Minister in the Patullo government becomes the new Liberal leader in B.C. Premier Pattullo, opposing the coalition policy of the emergency convention, offered his resignation.

All Alberta Wheat Pool directors were re-elected by delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Pool.

One man of every four of military age in Australia is serving with the armed services.

Orders for 17 corvettes, to cost \$25,000,000, have been placed with west coast Canadian shipyards.

#### DEBT LEGISLATION ULTRA VIRES

In a six-to-one decision, the Supreme Court of Canada on Tuesday ruled the Alberta Debt Adjustment Act of 1937 and Amendments unconstitutional.

# ALBERTA WHEAT POOL DELEGATES MEETING

The annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates commenced in Calgary on the 25th of November.

Net operating earnings of the elevator system for 1940-41 season amounted to \$1,766,741.37, from which depreciation on elevator properties and equipment was provided, totalling \$841,230.70, "as well as one year's interest of \$201,902.08 as paid to the Province of Alberta in connection with 1929 Pool overpayment, and resulting in a net surplus for the season of \$723,608.59, which latter amount has been credited on the balance sheet to undistributed elevator earnings.

#### Financial Improvement About \$200,000

The operating results for 1940-41 season, before providing for interest and depreciation, reflect a financial improvement of approximately \$200,000 as compared with the previous year, which difference is accounted for through an increase in handlings of approximately 4,400,000 bushels and also from increased revenue arising out of additional storage space. Provision for depreciation of \$841,230.70 included approximately \$343,000 representing write-off of 50 per cent of the original cost in the construction of 340 temporary annexes at country points.

Total handlings of grain through country elevators during the 1940-41 season reached 49,172,764 bushels. As the Alberta Pool operates 425 country elevators, this shows an average of 115,700 bushels per house.

#### Machinery Co-op.

B. N. Arneson, Co-operative Markets Commissioner for the Province of Saskatchewan, also secretary of Canadian Co-operative Implements, Limited, addressed the meeting. He stated that Canadian Co-operative Implements, Limited, has a member-

ship of 16,000 farmers and the subscribed capital is \$236,000, of which \$160,000 is in cash. District associations have been organized as follows:

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#### Wesson Speaks

"The Western Canadian Wheat Pools must remain militant to fight the battles of the prairie farmers," stated J. H. Wesson, of Regina, President of the Saskatchewan and Canadian Wheat Pools, addressing the delegates. A fairer deal for agriculture in Canada is imperative, he asserted, and farmers must obtain a larger share of the national income.

He said it was not enough for the Wheat Pools to achieve substantial excess earnings and operate successfully. They must battle for the rights of the farmers, only too many of whom are facing bankruptcy.

Mr. Wesson maintained that if the wheat policy recommended jointly by the Wheat Pools and Canadian Federation of Agriculture had been put into effect, a wheat price of 95¢ a bushel for 1 Northern at the terminal could have been established without loss to the Dominion treasury.

Mr. Wesson voiced a protest against the Federal Government policy of going its own way in dealing with agriculture and not giving consideration to farm opinion. He said that in Great Britain and the United States the Governments consult agricultural representatives and work out policies based on farm views.

#### Apathetic to Western Opinion

The Ottawa attitude of mind is not only apathetic to Western opinion, but irritable and hostile, Mr. Wesson stated.

Out of a total Canadian income of over six billion dollars, Western farmers will be lucky to obtain 300 million dollars this year, Mr. Wesson said.

Switching from a wheat economy to a livestock one will not solve the farm problem of the West, Mr. Wesson said, and will only result in an enormous over-production of hogs and other livestock, with disastrous results when the war ends.

"I don't begrudge labor what they have won in their fight for a square deal," said Mr. Wesson, "but I do resent a government policy which gives the West \$300 million annual income and the rest of Canada \$5,700,000,000 annual income."

#### Entire Dominion Should Bear Burden

Mr. Wesson said Western farmers are not in favor of holding up prices of food for the British people. They must be fed whether they can afford to pay for their food or not. But the burden of low prices for farm products should not be borne by Western farmers alone, but by the entire Dominion of Canada.

"If we wait until after the war for a square deal for agriculture we'll never get it," Mr. Wesson declared. "I resent certain Western daily newspapers bringing up the question of loyalty. More of our sons have joined up in any other part of Canada, on a proportionate basis of population. Manufacturers can refuse to produce and labor go on strike with impunity, but when Western farmers protest against adverse economic conditions they are accused of disloyalty."

Mr. Wesson stated that the Wheat Pool policy aims at obtaining parity of prices for all agricultural products.

#### P.F.A.A. Outlined

E. L. Gray, of Regina, administrator of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, addressed the Convention in regard to the workings of the act and also the wheat acreage reduction bonus and the prairie farm income bonus. He said that this year about 3,000 townships would be included in the P.F.A.A. bonus area, and around \$15 million would be paid out. The amounts paid out in the past two years were:

1939.....	\$10,000,000
1940.....	\$ 7,000,000

Mr. Gray said about \$20 millions would be paid out under the prairie farm income bonus. Adding this to the \$15 millions under the P.F.A.A. will give a total of around \$35 millions.

The prospects are that payments to Alberta farmers under the wheat acreage reduction bonus will reach \$10 millions. Already cheques totaling \$6,500,000 have been sent out, Mr. Gray said.

With regard to the complaint of slowness in payment, Mr. Gray said this was due principally to discrepancies in statements of farm operations sent in by farmers.

Bonus payments under the P.F.A.A. do not go only to marginal or semi-marginal areas in the Prairie Provinces, Mr. Gray said, but to a large percentage of the entire farming area of the West.

#### Parker's Address

W. J. Parker, President of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, addressed the convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates on Friday morning, November 28th. He said the hope of agriculture in Western Canada rests primarily on a victory for democracy, then a sensible planning and allocation of world wheat markets among the exporting nations, and a planned economy for Western Agriculture.

"A German victory would mean the economic ruination of Western Canada," he said. "When the war is finally won the emphasis should be put on planning and soil conservation and parity prices for all agricultural products."

Mr. Parker said that the development of the idea of an international wheat agreement in which the available world market would be allocated to

the exporting countries on a fair basis gives hope for an end to chaotic world marketing conditions. But under any such arrangement, Western Canada could not expect to continue to seed 27 million acres annually to wheat.

#### Advocates Extensive Regrassing

In any event, Mr. Parker pointed out, the West cannot go on summer-fallowing and seeding grain year after year and expect to preserve the fertility of the land or even the land itself. He advocated re-grassing on an extensive scale to maintain and preserve the soil of the West. If soil resources are not conserved, deserts will encroach and spread over the west. Certain areas should be returned completely to grass and the practice of extensive summerfallowing year after year discouraged. Every farm should have some grass and there should be a lot of grass on some farms. Agriculture is Canada's greatest asset and it is of primary importance that it should be carefully conserved.

Mr. Parker expressed the opinion that farmers should fight determinedly for parity prices for all agricultural products. Efforts should be made to develop public opinion to that end. He said that it was not necessary to stipulate any certain definite prices, but to insist on "parity". That is a fair and reasonable demand.

Phil Baker of Lethbridge addressed the meeting on behalf of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Baker is associated with the sugar beet growers of Southern Alberta. He said that all branches of agriculture should unite to gain strength and prestige for the industry.

#### Loan to Livestock Co-op.

After listening to an address by Hugh Allen on behalf of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative Association, the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates voted to loan the association \$2,500 to assist in its organization.

Mr. Allen pointed out that the livestock industry is becoming increasingly important, the West now producing 52 per cent of all Canadian hogs. He said Alberta produces twice as many hogs as does Saskatchewan and three times as many as Manitoba.

Livestock producers need better organization and greater bargaining power, Mr. Allen said. They are at a disadvantage in marketing their products.

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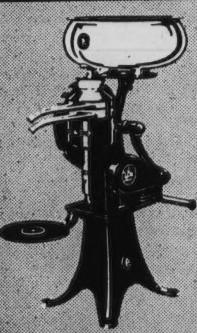
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# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

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—J. H. Hull, General Manager, Indiana Farm Bureau.



## "Through Co-operation Men Regain Ownership" . . . .

"Parkwood", Bowden.

Dear Members:

The November issue of *Maclean's Magazine* carried an article entitled "Farthest East" in which the writer tells the story of the Canadian city closest to the actual zone of war—Sydney, Cape Breton, and its largest town, Glace Bay—every bit of which makes very interesting reading, for it gives a vivid picture of a city and town held in the hollow of the hand of a huge monopoly controlling their very life stream.

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Dosco is also actively engaged in many other business enterprises, and in normal years Dosco wages paid in an area within 15 miles of Sydney amount to 18 million dollars, 12 millions of which go to the Coal Miners. The whole of the industrial life of Cape Breton county is dominated by Dosco, and just as long as the war lasts, its people will be prosperous, but in the back of the minds of all its citizens there can be but one question, "How long will it last and what will happen afterward?"

### Speeds Pace of Co-operation

This, of course, explains why the trend of political thought is ever swinging away from the old line parties and all they stand for and in its place the co-operative spirit has taken possession of the lives and actions of a goodly number of the younger generation, which fact is clearly demonstrated by the way in which they are tackling their housing problem. The sons of the Scottish and Welsh miners, raised in drab squalid houses owned by their Capitalistic interests, are not content to raise future generations under such conditions but are building for themselves modern homes through a Co-operative housing scheme. Space will not permit me to give the details of this plan. It must suffice if I say no one knows better than a Cape Breton miner the power of combined capital, and in their endeavor to shake off the shackles that bind them we, as a Sister Co-op., send them greetings and the best of good wishes.

At the top of our page for many issues, we carried an extract culled from the *Co-op. Builder*:

*"When a man works in a factory, or in a field, which he doesn't own, and lives in a house he doesn't own, he is likely to feel that he's something a little bit less than a man. Through Co-operation, men regain ownership."*

The men and women of Cape Breton have realized the true significance of these words, and through Co-operation are doing all in their power to remedy their housing problem. They no longer believe that Capitalism is the friend of the ordinary working man, which its supporters would have them believe; rather they are of the opinion that no one man or small group of men is entitled to receive more than a fair share of the accrued profits according to his individual effort or given a fair return on his investment.

### Real Source of Extreme Riches

I fancy it would be a very difficult matter today to convince any of them that huge fortunes are amassed by individual effort, they know full well that extreme riches are built out of the toil of the worker. The vast majority of those who gave so much toward making it possible for all to live far removed from poverty and privation, the inventor, the scientist, the engineer, all contributed more than their full quota to the service of mankind, yet how few received anything resembling their fair share of recompense,—rather their great triumphs in so many fields have been shamelessly exploited by multi-millionaires for their own personal gain.

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## THE CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

### BUYING DATES DRESSED TURKEYS

In DECEMBER, 1941

#### ALIX AND DISTRICT

Place	Representative	Date
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TROCHU	Trochu Meat Market	5th and 12th
THREE HILLS	Three Hills Locker Storage	4th and 12th
STETTLER	Speice & Lincoln	4th to 17th
BIG VALLEY	Fred Law	4, 6, 11, 13th
RUMSEY	Fred Law	5th and 12th
GADSBY	Tom Gravely	4th to 17th
CASTOR	O. W. Colley	4th to 17th
CORONATION	Jack Anderson	4th to 17th
VETERAN	Stan Laycraft	4th and 11th
CONSORT	W. A. Isaac	5th and 12th
BYEMOOR	Lestern Wooden	1st and 8th
ENDIANG	A. H. Evans	2nd and 9th
SCAPA	J. D. Boehlke	10th
LACOMBE	Brown & Todd	6th and 13th

#### BENTLEY AND DISTRICT

BENTLEY	C.A.D.P. Creamery	4th to 17th
RIMBEY	Geo. Mowbray	8th and 17th
LEEDALE	Mrs. Lindsay	11th

#### BOWDEN AND DISTRICT

BOWDEN	C.A.D.P. Creamery	4th to 16th
CARSTAIRS	R. Sterling	10th and 16th
OLDS	Archie Boyce	9th and 15th
DIDSBURY	A. R. Kendrick	8th and 13th
INNISFAIL	A. C. Pye—U.F.A.	5th to 16th

#### RED DEER AND DISTRICT

RED DEER	C.A.D.P. Creamery	4th to 17th
CONDOR	Perry's Store	5th
ROCKY MT. HOUSE	Sample Room next Treasury Branch	6th and 13th
BENALTO	Mr. Holsworth	8th
SYLVAN LAKE	B. C. Learned	8th and 15th
ECKVILLE	Medicine Valley Co-op.	9th and 16th
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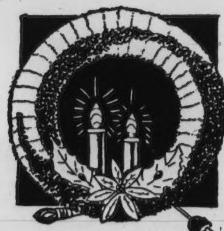
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*"There is no reason why the farmer should subsidize other elements in production, or subsidize the consumer."*  
N. E. Dodd, Director of the Western Division of the Agricultural Administration, Washington, D.C.

**CASE UNANSWERABLE**  
The case for immediate action by the Dominion Government to raise the initial payment for wheat delivered to the Wheat Board is in equity unanswerable.

The Government has set a limit on the amount that may be delivered. Upon the deliveries which are accepted it should in all fairness ensure to the producer a reasonable return.

Between September, 1939, and September, 1941, general wholesale price indexes increased in Canada by 14.8 points, while farm products as a whole advanced only 9 points. The low price of wheat was the main factor in keeping the farm products index down to this low level.

We trust that Alberta farm people who have not yet written Ottawa to make their views upon this question known, will do so without further delay.

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### POOL REVIEWS YEAR

The Annual Meeting of delegates of the Alberta Wheat Pool is still in session as we go to press. Important issues of policy are being dealt with, and decisions of the delegates are recorded elsewhere in this issue.

Operating results of the Pool for the financial year 1940-41 have been highly gratifying. There was a substantial increase in handleings, as compared with the previous year, and a financial improvement before providing for interest and depreciation of approximately \$200,000.

The Pool Convention constitutes a parliament in which broad issues of national farm policy are discussed. The delegates now assembled in Calgary, by thoroughness in discussion of the problems which face the chief primary industry of the Dominion, can equip themselves to play a most useful role, in their own farm communities, in clarifying the issues and paving the way to action in the national sphere.

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### NATIONAL SERVICE

It is argued in some quarters that complete mobilization of the resources of Canada in industry and in man and woman power would impair our national unity.

That is not an argument against the effi-

cency of full mobilization. If it were true that national unity would suffer by the adoption of the Canadian Legion's program for total war, that would merely indicate that Canada is not yet fully awake to the necessity of waging total war.

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Canada's security can be safeguarded only in action far beyond Canada's shores. And it cannot be guaranteed by anything less than total effort in the industrial field. It is as vitally necessary to Canada that Hitler shall be defeated as it is to the people of Britain, whose present effort is without parallel in the history of the Commonwealth.

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"We must either smash Hitlerism, no matter what the cost, or be prepared, at best, to accept as a counterpoise to Nazi domination of the Old World the permanent militarization of the New."—New York Nation.

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### FARMER DESERVES BREAK

R. J. NEEDHAM in *Calgary Herald*

Most of us, in our parasitic way, live off the primary producer; and the primary producers of Western Canada have been knuckled under for a long time. Now at last, they can get some return on their cows and hens and hogs, and we ought to be glad of it. Unfortunately, we have been deluded into the idea, over the last ten years, that cheap food was our birthright, and that the farmer (for some obscure reason) ought to sell at cutthroat prices. The trouble with this theory is that eventually it kicks back at the city people, because they depend in a large measure on the farmer's prosperity, so that in the long run their "cheap" food comes out dear. . . .

It irritates us to hear well-stuffed people yapping over the terrible food prices. They never pulled on a cow's chassis at 5 a.m. and 25 below, with a wet tail smacking across their face every 30 seconds.

From time to time, we hear people shrieking like Bedouins because the price of bread has gone up one cent. We see no reason why the ordinary loaf should not be sold at 15 cents, with the extra profit going to the wheat farmer. God knows he needs it . . . Agreed that high food prices really hit hard on the low-income groups, and people with large families. Still, we don't think that justifies the idea of making the farmer sell at a loss to every income group. We think that people who can afford to pay a fair price for food (most people can) should do so, and maybe the others could get some sort of agreed discount or compensation.

**CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION***(Continued from page 3)*

But I am wandering from my subject, so back again to Cape Breton, and it seems to me that I can hear the worker in the mine and in the steel plant saying to himself, "Capitalism is one of the greatest powers on earth, for it holds the common man as a pawn," he is more than likely to view Capitalism as an industrial and social disease which has eaten into the very heart of this country, robbing the worker of his just reward.

It may appear to him as a monster whose tentacles have a stranglehold on the whole of his social, political and economic life; he may even have begun to doubt that this fair Dominion of ours is governed by the ballot-box, but of these things I am not sure, for I have never set foot on their fair island, but in my own mind I am of the opinion that the people of Cape Breton are awakening to the fact that although this country has been built by, and is maintained by, the sweat and toil of its workers, it is not being run for the material and social progress of the masses. Furthermore, I would say that Capitalism is very decided in the driver's seat and the task of our friends in Cape Breton will not be an easy one.

**Glimmer of Light**

Yet, through it all, there comes a glimmer of light for the miners and steel workers through Co-operation which will eventually win through. They have at last awakened, and are now facing the fact that "When a man works in a factory—or in a field—which he doesn't own, and lives in a house he doesn't own, he is likely to feel that he's something a little bit less than a man. Through Co-operation, men regain ownership"—and they are doing something about it.

They, like the Western farmer, realize that we have permitted what should be the greatest servant of mankind to be our Master. The root trouble confronting the miner, the factory hand, and the farmer, is identical. If we work in unison we can solve many of our economic problems; we must work together with this end in view.

Yours fraternally,

*Geo. K. MacShane.*

President.

**Pool Has Very Good Meeting at Condor**

A meeting of shippers and friends of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool was held in the Condor Hall, at Condor, on Friday evening, November 7th, 1941, at which there were over 125 people present. Among those attending were a good number of boys and girls and we are very happy to welcome these young people to our Pool meetings.

Magnus Oppel, district director, was Chairman, and the evening was spent in enjoying moving pictures, both educational and comic, and interspersed with these pictures were discussion periods in which those attending heard from B. Lundberg, Manager of C.A.D.P. Creamery

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The meeting got under way almost promptly on time and was concluded by 10:30. From all expressions it was a very pleasant and profitable evening and we are hoping that a similar meeting may be held in this friendly district in the not too distant future.

(Reports of meetings at Strachan and Leslieville districts next issue.)

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Under the regulations of the War-time Prices and Trade Board, it is essential that the License Number of every shipper and our Central Alberta Dairy Pool License Number be shown on every order, sales note, invoice, etc., after December 1st, 1941.

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**OTTAWA LETTER**

(Continued from page 1) being allowed to fluctuate but not to exceed the class A price. In other cases, sales by farmers will not be subject to direct price control, but the price which may be charged by processors for the processed article will remain subject to the ceiling. Machinery and equipment needed for mining, manufacturing, construction and milling will not be subject to price control, but price increases will not be allowed for machinery, tools, implements and parts sold to farmers or fishermen.

The price regulations are measures of control of our economy to prevent inflation, to put our home affairs in order so that the field will be open for the fullest and most effective participation in the war for our freedom. They strengthen the foundation of our war effort. But the progress that effort has already made entails a fuller use of our man and woman power.

**Need for Man and Woman Power**

That is the question that is engaging the constant attention of the Government. There is a growing need for more hands in our war production industries, and for more men in our armed forces. It is stated that about 600,000 are employed in war production, but that 100,000 more are urgently required. It is believed that many of the new employees will be women, as the need for men in the armed forces is just as urgent. A great many women are already employed in a large number of industries, in small arms manufacture, in aircraft factories, and in many other plants where care and precision are of great importance. There are no better inspectors of munitions than women.

There is naturally a good deal of speculation on who will take the place of Ernest Lapointe, not as Minister of Justice, but as right hand man and adviser of the Prime Minister. The figure of the great French Canadian has not shrunk since his death but has grown in stature. It is recognized that this great, kindly and sagacious statesman will be sorely missed at the council board.

The Canadian Red Cross is appealing for \$500,000 for medical and hospital supplies for Russia.

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# Best Sellers Can Be Good Books

By ALEXANDER CALHOUN, M.A.  
Librarian Calgary Public Library



**W**HILE fewer and fewer books are being published in Britain owing to the paper shortage, books are streaming from the assembly lines of American publishers in huge quantities. They cover a thousand subjects and their quality is high. That does not mean that they have a long life before them, that they are great literature. They are competently written, they are interesting, even fascinating, they are of the hour, up-to-the-minute. In a world crashing in ruins, they mirror the joy as well as the tragedy and they are not defeatist or pessimistic.

#### War Book Leads in Sales

It is rather significant that the book, which this season leads all books on this continent in sales, is not a novel, but the now well known war book, *Berlin Diary* by William Shirer. It would be a very interesting speculation to try to estimate the influence which European correspondents and radio commentators of great American dailies have wielded in building anti-Hitler sentiment on this continent. The author of *Berlin Diary* stands at the top of this list and it is a memorable list.

Space and time do not permit even running comment on the best books of the hour. These will be listed here with some slight indication of their character and worth, as a librarian views them.

#### The Three Best War Books

*Berlin Diary* by Shirer, Ryerson, \$3.75.

*No Other Road to Freedom*, by Stowe, Ryerson, \$3.75.

*I Can't Forget*, by Casey, McClelland, \$3.75.

#### Other War Books

*Where Stands a Winged Sentry*, by Margaret Kennedy (England in the blitz), Ryerson, \$2.75.

*You Can't Do Business With Hitler*, McClelland, \$2.00.

*Into the Blitz*, by William Strange (A Canadian who has been there), Macmillan, \$2.50.

*That Day Alone*, by Van Paassen, Longman's, \$4.50.

#### Biographies and Autobiographies

*Tomorrow Will Come*, by Almedingen, (Atlantic prize autobiography by a Russian woman), McClelland, \$3.75.

*Native American*, by Baker (David Grayson), Saunders, \$3.75.

*No Life For a Lady* (Ranch Life), by Cleaveland, Allen, \$3.75.

*The Soong Sisters*, by Hahn, McClelland, \$3.75.

*Newspaper Days* (1899-1906), by Mencken, Ryerson, \$3.75.

*Road of a Naturalist*, by Peattie, Allen, \$3.75.

*Clarence Darrow for the Defence*, by Stone, McClelland, \$4.00.

#### Travel

*Meet the South Americans*, by Crow, Musson, \$4.00.

*Inside Latin America*, by Gunther, Musson, \$4.00.

*Four Years in Paradise*, by Osa Johnson, Longmans, \$4.50.

#### Poetry Gift Books

*The White Cliffs*, by Miller, Longman's, \$1.35.

*Dunkirk*, by E. J. Pratt, Macmillan, 50 cents.

*Voices of Victory*, by E. J. Pratt, (contains beautiful prize poem "Recompense" of Mrs. Agnes Aston Hill, Calgary author), Macmillan, \$1.00.

#### Three Attractive Books for the Home

*America's Housekeeping Book*, Saunders, \$3.00.

*Big Family* (appeared in the Post) by Partridge, McLeod, \$3.50.

*Country Schoolma'am*, by Lutes, McClelland, \$2.35.

#### Miscellaneous

*Under the Sea Wind*, by Carson, (good science choice), Musson, \$4.00.

*Murder for Pleasure*, by Haycraft (a study of the detective tale), Ryerson, \$3.75.

*The Christian Criticism of Life*, by Hough, Cokesbury, \$2.50.

*Reveille in Washington*, by Leech, Musson, \$4.50.

*Out of the People*, by Priestley, Macmillan, \$2.00.

#### Good New Novels by Old Favorites (Good Family Novels)

*Drum Goes Dead* (a short Christmas tale) by Aldrich, Ryerson \$1.35.

*Keys of the Kingdom*, by Cronin, Ryerson \$3.00.

*Random Harvest*, by Hilton, Macmillan \$2.75.

*Mrs. Appleyard's Year*, by Kent Allen \$2.50.

*Venables*, by Kathleen Norris, McClelland \$3.00.

*Now, Voyager*, by Prouty, Allen \$3.00.

*Fighting Lillies*, by Tarkington McClelland \$2.50.

*Blind Man's House*, by Walpole, McClelland \$3.00.

*Four Good Novels for Men*

*Hill of Doves* by Cloete (Boer pioneer life), Collins \$3.00.

*Botany Bay*, by Nordhoff & Hall, McClelland \$3.00.

*This Above All*, by Eric Knight, Musson \$2.75.

*The Sun Shall Greet Them*, by Rame, Collins \$2.50.

(The latter two the most popular English war novels to date.)

#### A Mixed Bag

*Highway to Valour*, by Duley (Newfoundland author, unusual novel), Collins \$2.75.

*Saratoga Trunk*, by Edna Ferber,

## U.F.A Co-ops' Good Year—Calgary Store Turnover \$185,000

Attending the Annual Conference of U.F.A. co-operatives held in the Board Room of the U.F.A. Building in Calgary in late November, representatives of the U.F.A. district co-operatives reported large increases in business and very satisfactory financial progress. George MacLachlan of Clyde presided; J. A. Cameron of Wastina was vice-chairman and D. H. Smith of Cereal secretary. C. A. Fawcett of Consort and Mr. Smith were re-elected representatives of the Conference on the Board of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative.

Since the last Conference the Calgary store has been enlarged by taking in about 1000 square feet from the warehouse and grocery and meat departments have been added. The store has come through the year with a satisfactory balance on the right side of the ledger after handling an aggregate turnover of \$185,000.

Members of the Conference and other friends of the movement were guests of Maple Leaf Petroleum, Ltd., and the U.F.A. Central Co-operative at a most enjoyable banquet in the Renfrew Club, presided over by Mr. MacLachlan. Among speakers were George Church, chairman of the Central Co-op, and Norman F. Priestley, General Manager, both of whom spoke of the cordial relations between the member co-operatives and with management of Maple Leaf Petroleum, while General Manager W. F. Wallace of that Company declared: "My whole objective is to make a success of the U.F.A.-Maple Leaf combination," and thanked Mr. Priestley for his co-operation. Other speakers were J. K. Sutherland, U.F.A. Vice-President, Store Manager R. M. McCool and E. N. Peters (Lethbridge), and A. Bican (Edmonton) of Maple Leaf staff.

McClelland \$3.00.

*Leaf in the Storm*, by Lin Yutang, McClelland \$3.25.

*My Friend Flecka*, by O'Hara, (a boy and his colt), Longmans \$3.00.

*Sun Is My Undoing*, by Steen, (Picturesque novel longer than *Gone with the Wind*), Collins \$3.25.

#### Two Thrillers

*Above Suspicion*, by MacInnes, (highly recommended story of espionage in Germany), McClelland \$3.00. *Evil Under the Sun*, by Christie, McClelland \$2.35.

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## Books for Girls and Boys

By SADA F. KITELEY

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Calgary Public Library

**Editor's Note.**—In this issue Miss Kiteley describes books for the younger boys and girls (up to eleven). Miss Patricia Gibson, who is Miss Kiteley's assistant and in charge of the Junior High School room, will contribute an article to our next issue on books for older boys and girls.

**A**s we look at the children's books and wonder which are the most attractive, which will appeal to the children most, there are so many lovely and really exciting books that it is impossible to choose and say, here are the best. We can only say, here are a few which seem especially worthwhile.

### Glance Back on Own Childhood

Last July, when he was awarded the Caldecott Prize, Mr. Robert Lawson made a speech. In it he said, "If people . . . could only look back to their own childhoods and remember the amazing conglomeration of ideas, of excitements, of curiosity and longings that filled their heads at the age of ten, they would never dare say what should or should not be given to children. . . . No one can possibly tell what tiny detail of a drawing or what seemingly trivial phrase in a story will be the spark that sets off a great flash in the mind of some child, a flash that will leave a glow there until the day he dies." And he continued, "We must give them books. Books that will become tattered and grimy from use. Books that will make them weep, books that will rack them with hearty laughter. Books they will put under their pillows at night. Books that will give them gooseflesh and a glimpse of glory."

Mr. Lawson was the man who made the drawings for that now famous book *Ferdinand the Bull*. He was awarded the Caldecott Prize this year for *They were Strong and Good*, but the book he wrote and illustrated before that, *Ben and Me*, seems to me to have far more attraction and certainly much more fun. This is a fantastic story, yet all events

are based on fact and are in the main outline true, of the life of Ben Franklin as told by his mouse Amos. The mouse, by the way, lived cosily in Ben's fur hat and regulated Ben's entire life—so says the mouse.

### Charming Picture Book

Speaking of mice, there is a charming picture book for younger children and their parents. It is by Margot Austin and is called *Peter Churchmouse*. Peter, by his pictures, is a lovable, fuzzy creature with enormous round ears, engaging whiskers and delicate paws. He eats large holes in everything so that the Parson will think rats live in the church and will put plenty of cheese in the "snap-rat". Peter, of course, eats out the cheese each night. He is alarmed when a cat supplants the trap. The cat, however, turns out to be only a kitten and they become friends and try to devise some means of making the Parson take notice of the wee mouse and feed him. It is a good little yarn and the black and white pictures are fascinating.

So many small children have enjoyed the *Nicodemus* stories, those easy, full-of-pictures books about the small negro boy, his houn', his gran'pappy, his little sister, that we must mention the new one. It is *Nicodemus Laughs* and is by Inez Hogan. His Mammy said, "Take yo' li'l sister by de han' an' go down to yo' gran'pappy's house. Yo' gran'pappy's got a 'sprize fo' yo'." So off they go and mild adventure begins.

### About the "Good Old Days"

There is a book by the author of *Copper-toed Boots*, Marguerite De Angel, about a Quaker family living in Philadelphia at the time when many of the slaves from the South were being helped to freedom by these quietly dressed people. *Thee, Hannah* is the book. It is so beautifully illustrated that each delicate picture might be framed if it were not so necessary to the text. Hanna hates her sombre clothes and Quaker bonnet and envies her little friend the beflowered bonnets and hoop skirts. At last something happens which makes Hannah proud to wear her stiff Quaker bonnet. It is a very human picture of home life, not in the least stuffy, which makes the "good old days" really seem good. It is the kind of book to be read again and again and loved.

Another book which I think will be read for a long time and with great affection is *Blue Willow* by Doris Gates. Little Janey Larkin was so tired of having no home, no friends that were not gone tomorrow, for, with her father, whom she adored, and with Mom she drifted along from place to place, wherever there was work. The Larkins had lost everything, had been driven out of Texas by drought and dust. Now the only beautiful thing they possessed was a blue willow plate. Its romantic story of the Japanese lovers Janey knew by heart, and because it had belonged to her babyhood when she had a real home, it symbolized for Janey all that was beautiful in the world. When Janey's family stopped in a deserted shack while her father picked cotton, she heard from little Mexican Lupe, who lived across the road, that the bluish haze in the distance was made by willows along the river. The river and its willows in that dry land, became connected with the bridge and the stream of the willow plate. It is a lovely story with hardship and small happinesses and with even a villain. It is all satis-



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### Adventures of a Scalawag Pig

Every boy loves some animal of his own. When young Zeke saw what a wriggling, running young scalawag of a creature one of the baby pigs was he couldn't resist him. The pig was named Greased Lightning, and so he was. No fence could hold him. He was as bad a little pig as could possibly be. At last Zeke's father determined to get rid of the little rascal. Off to market he was taken, but Zeke was still resolved to save his pet. A man in the town seemed disposed to buy him, not for bacon. Greased Lightning was a runt, but for the greased pig catching contest the next day. Zeke evolved a plan to regain his pet. It worked. This is a happy easy going story called *Greased Lightning* and written by Sterling North. It is very popular with children.

The name of Armstrong Sperry has been familiar to us for some time; to the younger children because of *One Day with Manu*, a story of every day life in Bora Bora; to the older boys and girls for they know perhaps,

### Goes Far to Conquer Fear

How Mafatu went forth to conquer his fear o' die, his adventures on a forbidden island, his return to his people, his love for his dog, these Mr. Sperry has woven into a splendid story. There is adventure and something which appeals to all of us in a Robinson Crusoe sort of life. But above and through the whole book there flows, like the deep Pacific currents, a clean freshness, "call it courage", to lift any heart. This book has been awarded the Newbery Prize for this year.

Books mentioned in this article, with publishers' names and prices are given below. Prices quoted are frequently American, so the book may cost considerably more. They may (Continued on page 15)

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## • WAR DIARY •

**Nov. 20th.**—Strategic gains reported from Libya, Axis forces driven between Bardia and Tobruk. Berlin says Russian troops evacuating Leningrad; new offensive against Moscow. German supply ship believed sunk in Mediterranean by Royal Navy submarines.

**Nov. 21st.**—Tank battle rages in Libya; main British force believed to have passed Tobruk. Situation at Tula serious, says Moscow radio; assault on Moscow beaten off; Nazis stab through Russian lines in Mozhaisk sector. Russians sink 1 enemy tanker, 3 transports, in Barents Sea. Nazi mission reported leaving for French North Africa.

**Nov. 22nd.**—Nazis say Rostov taken. Nazis reported pressing France for concessions in North Africa.

**Nov. 23rd.**—Nazis fight desperately to avoid encirclement by British forces in Libya. B.B.C. says 15,000 Axis soldiers taken prisoner, 600 Axis tanks destroyed. Battle before Moscow seesaws. Admiralty reports Axis destroyer, cruiser, torpedoed, believed sunk, in Mediterranean.

**Nov. 24th.**—British left column in Libya has advanced 200 miles, Axis admits. Moscow in great danger, as

Nazis pierce lines, push to within 50 miles of capital. U.S. troops sent to Dutch Guiana to guard bauxite mines. Largest troop convoy reaches Britain, from Canada.

**Nov. 25th.**—119 enemy aircraft destroyed in Libya in six days, to midnight November 23rd; Berlin radio says German planes drawn from Russia, to go to Africa. Tank battle continues south of Tobruk, heavy losses both sides. Nazis gain north of Moscow, intensify drive on Tula; lose to Russians on southern front. British raid on coast of Normandy announced. Two Canadian corvettes recently sank Nazi U-boat in North Atlantic, announced in Ottawa. Two enemy supply ships sunk in Mediterranean.

**Nov. 26th.**—Russians report losses both north and south of Moscow; Vichy says Germans 16 miles from Moscow. British occupy Rezegh; Axis reinforcements brought up; R.A.F. bombs concentration west of Sidi Omar. R.A.F. bombs Cherbourg and Brest. Yugoslav premier in London says Nazis plan terrible reprisals on Belgrade unless guerrilla troops surrender unconditionally. U.S. plane output now 25,000 yearly, said *Aircraft*; halfway point to Roosevelt's objective reached.

**Nov. 27th.**—Japanese envoys in Washington handed written statement of U.S. demands. Nazis say Klin taken, Moscow's inner defence lines reached. Russians report gains in Rostov area. Forces from Tobruk make connection with British column from Rezegh; battle continues in Rezegh area. Three German ships sunk in R.A.F. raids along enemy coast; Emden, Ostend bombed. 9,454 men of merchant marine and fishing fleets lost since beginning of war. Nazis fine Paris \$20,000 for sabotage.

**Nov. 28th.**—Artillery, infantry, and tank columns engaged in hard fighting in Libya. Rome announces. Gondar, last Italian stronghold in Abyssinia, fallen. Moscow says enemy only 36 miles from capital. More Japanese in Indo-China; British reinforcements reach Singapore.

**Nov. 29th.**—Admiralty announces sinking of at least 8 Nazi transports and supply ships en route to Murmansk. Moscow says Russians reoccupy part of Rostov. Battle south of Rezegh said deadlocked. Unconfirmed report Vichy has handed North African bases over to Nazis. Premier Tojo says Japan must purge British, Americans, from Asia.

**Nov. 30th.**—Germans driven from Rostov, back to Taganrog; some Russian counter attacks on Moscow front successful. British columns reach coast between Agedaba and Bengasi, cutting off "hump" of Libya.

**Dec. 1st.**—Germans retreat from Taganrog, towards Mariupol; Moscow charges civilians in Rostov slaughtered by Nazis before city given up. Nazi tank units penetrate British positions near Rezegh, British counter-attack. 20 R.A.F. planes lost in heavy raids on northwest Germany. Armed merchant raider sunk in south Atlantic by British warship, announced. Japanese mine territorial waters.

**Dec. 2nd.**—Enemy tank unit cuts off Tobruk, retakes Rezegh. Axis destroyer, two supply ships, sunk in Mediterranean. Australian cruiser *Sydney* lost. Germans continue retreat towards Mariupol; Russians hold lines before Moscow. U.S. and Britain co-operating in establishing bases on small islands between Hawaii and Australia, says Washington report. Britain increases age for military service from 18½ to 50 years; calls up single women from 20 to 30 years.

**Dec. 3rd.**—Nazis reported in retreat, in blizzard, on several sectors Moscow front; retreat from Rostov also continues; Russians take prisoners, tanks, around Leningrad; Berlin claims further breaks in Moscow defence lines. British reinforcements moving towards Libya; heavy fighting in Sollum sector, on Egyptian-Libyan border; British position south-east of Tobruk said firm. Roosevelt awaits explanation from Japan of increased forces in Indo-China.

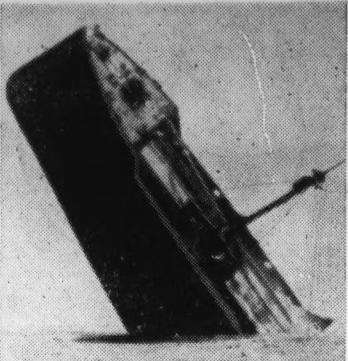
The U.S. railroad wage dispute has been settled by President Roosevelt's fact-finding board.

That the Government should buy scrap metals from Canadian farmers, making payment in War Savings Certificates, is the proposal advanced in a resolution passed by the recent meeting of U.F.A. Co-operatives.

### JEWISH ENLISTMENTS

Jewish citizens of Canada are enlisting in the armed forces in about the same proportion as other citizens, according to Hon. J. T. Thorson, Minister of National War Services. "People say that the Jews do not enlist; well, the Jews are enlisting in quite remarkable numbers, for active service anywhere in the world," Mr. Thorson stated in the House of Commons on November 12th. The number of Jews in this country is about 170,000. The number of Jews who have enlisted for active service anywhere in the world is somewhere between three and four thousand. It is not a bad average.

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## Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates Plan Payments

### Program for Distribution of Surplus Funds—Patronage Dividends Also Authorized

Alberta Wheat Pool delegates, assembled in annual convention, drafted a program for the distribution of surplus funds at sessions held on Monday and Tuesday, December 1st and 2nd. First a resolution was passed asking the Alberta Legislature for authority to make refunds to patrons in cash or in commercial reserves or in elevator reserves, or in all of them. Then a resolution was passed authorizing the purchase from Alberta Wheat Pool members or their assigns of 5 per cent of the commercial and elevator reserves standing to the credit of each of them on the books of the Pool. As the total of the elevator and commercial reserves is approximately \$8,500,000, this 5 per cent payment will reach the approximate figure of \$425,000.

#### Patronage Dividends

Next the delegates dealt with the question of paying patronage dividends. A motion was passed authorizing the directors to pay a patronage dividend of 1/4c a bushel on deliveries of all grains to Alberta Pool Elevator facilities in the crop years 1938-39 and 1939-40. The total of these payments will approximate \$224,000, and the directors were given the option of paying it in cash or reserves or part cash and part reserves.

Only Pool members are qualified for the patronage dividend, but in order to make it easier to become a Pool member, the restrictions were eased. Hitherto a farmer had to acquire Pool reserves to the value of \$25 and had to have delivered 500 bushels of grain to Pool elevators since 1935 before qualifying for mem-

bership. This was changed so that in future a farmer will have to own reserves only to the value of \$5 besides having delivered 500 bushels of grain since 1935 in order to qualify for membership.

Under the patronage dividend resolution, non-Pool members, who are otherwise entitled to a patronage dividend, will be given until July 1st, 1942, to join the organization and qualify for the dividend.

It should be clearly understood that ratification by the Alberta Legislature is necessary in order to make the above mentioned payments. This will be applied for at the next session of the Legislature, and those who qualify for payments will have to wait until the proper legal procedure is completed before they get the cash or reserves to which they are entitled.

**WHEAT POOL ANNUAL MEETING**  
(Continued from page 2)  
ducts because buyers are strong and well-organized.

The convention also passed a motion instructing the Board of Directors to appoint a representative on the board of the livestock co-operative association.

#### CURRENT EVENTS

*Dead soldiers stare at the sky tonight  
And sailors drown in the sea,  
While many an airman's scheduled  
flight  
Will end in eternity.  
(And workers strike over hours and  
pay  
And weapons to vanquish the foe  
delay.)*

*The stricken and homeless turn  
aside  
From mounds of rubble and stone,  
Flotsam adrift on the deepest tide  
Of sorrow the world has known.  
(But here we are told by word and  
sign  
This time we are ALL in the grim  
front line!)*

*Starvation's shadow is darkly spread  
O'er lands that are steeped in fears,  
And children crying for milk and  
bread  
Are bathed in their mothers' tears.  
(While argument fills our halls of  
state  
Where "party" refuses to abdicate.)*

*Great forces lock in the last great  
fight,  
With freedom the last great stake—  
Will the world be shrouded in starless  
night  
Or a glorious morning break?  
We have read the scroll! We have  
heard the call!  
Do we choose, do we dare, to give  
less than all?*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

The Alberta Social Credit League is holding its annual convention in Calgary this week.

Cecil Lamont of Winnipeg has been appointed public relations director of the North-West Line Elevators Association succeeding L. W. Brockington, K.C.

Alfred Speakman, M.L.A., was elected house leader of the Independents in the Alberta Legislature, at a conference in Calgary, when it was decided to form a Provincial organization.



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James Stewart, head of the board of grain commissioners during the last war, died in Winnipeg on Monday.

U.S. civilian technicians are being recruited for service with the British technical forces in Libya.

Released from Canadian internment camps, about one hundred Germans and Austrians will staff a machine tool repair shop in Quebec.

L. W. Brockington, K.C., who has resigned from the post of special wartime assistant to the Prime Minister, will speak on Canada's war effort in the U.S. and in Britain.

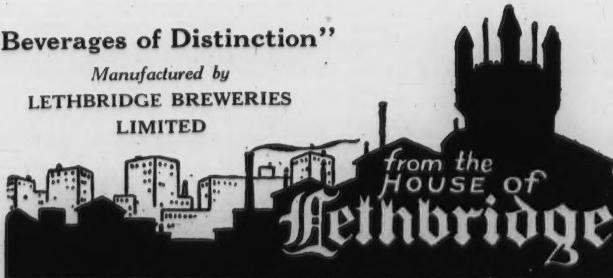


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## The Christmas Season

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In our manner of celebrating there were no doubt very great differences,

but in some way the day was marked and stands out in our memory very vividly; and as Memory has a way of creating a halo around the pleasant past, to most of us older ones Christmas was the day of days. The heart-aches which at the time no doubt seemed very tragic have been almost effaced and the possible "tummy" ache which perhaps reduced the small victims almost to tears, is now the cause for a smile.

But from our earliest years we gave our interest and enthusiasm to the celebration while our elders gave more substantial assistance to its success. And soon it became our turn to give as well as to receive. But we received more than the few toys and feasting, we received something

## Favorite Dishes for the Season of Feasts

CANADIANS are a very mixed lot as to ancestry and inherited customs. Our food habits are of course largely dependent on what is available, convenient and reasonable in price, but still most of us retain preferences about our Christmas dinners and company meals during the holiday season that have their origins in the traditions of our people, perhaps from far lands. The recipes printed below have been favorites with people from many different parts of the world.



**Pate de Noel** (French-Canadian): Cut into small pieces 1 small fowl, that has left a happy memory which has continued on down through the years.

And here is Christmas again! Christmas, meaning just the same state of feverish waiting for its arrival as of yore, at least to the smaller ones. The older ones may be better able to wait the day with calmness, although it must be admitted that sometimes the happiness that is being anticipated in the form of a visit from some absent member of the family or something like that, makes us almost as eager as in our childhood days.

There are some who would almost forego its celebration this year when the world needs so much of the severely practical and when so many hearts are breaking. No doubt there is something to be said for their point of view, but it seems to me there is something as well to be said for the making as much as we can of the day and the season.

### Progress of Civilization

We have received the heritage of this festive season celebrated with feasting and the giving and receiving of gifts. And what is the process of civilization but the handing on of what is worthwhile in our heritage and improving and adapting it and passing it on? The improving of it may take the form of a little more reasonableness with some with both the gifts and the feasting, but to eliminate them entirely would surely be a mistake.

We feel the better able to carry on the week's work because of the rest and relaxation of Sunday, even although sometimes it seems we should be working. Just so, surely the good cheer, the small gift which shows the thought (I can see a five-cent one I received and which has given me much pleasure) the exchange of greetings at Christmas time, will send us on refreshed to the more serious, more demanding times of life. As a nation and as individuals there may be dark days ahead which will make severe demands on us and we need the memory of the heart-warming to carry us over them.

### A Prayer

The proclamation, "Peace on Earth" which has rung down the years, has this year become a prayer, a prayer offered by more people the world over than probably ever before. But not a peace which will mean suppression of thought and celebrations and customs, but a peace which will allow every nation to develop the customs and habits of peace time, a time when Christmas can be celebrated with zest by all nations because of the conditions of their own people in their own country and of the world at large.

And now best Christmas wishes to each and all and may you all get some heart-warming greetings and gifts—and we know it is not the money-value that does that—and be able to give some!

Yours sincerely,  
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

## Praise for Canadian Red Cross Quilts

News items recorded in the Farm Women's Section of *The Western Farm Leader* from issue to issue have contained many references to the quilting now being done for the Red Cross by farm women in Alberta. We are sure that all who are doing this valuable work will be glad to know how much it is appreciated.

"No quilts from anywhere in the world equal or even rival yours," says a letter from Lady Reading, of the W.V.S., in which she expresses thanks to the Canadian Red Cross for supplies sent to Britain. "The artistic as well as the imaginative work put into them is exceptional. Wherever I go I always recognize a Canadian Red Cross quilt, and they are deeply prized by those who are fortunate enough to receive them."

2 lbs. lean pork shoulder, 2 lbs. veal shoulder. Cover with water and cook very slowly, uncovered, until meat is tender and liquid almost all absorbed. Season with grated onion, salt, pepper, and spices to taste; cool. Line a deep pie dish with pastry, and fill with meat mixture; cover with pastry, making several incisions; bake in moderate oven until top is nicely browned.

**Glazed Sweet Potatoes** (American): If you are having baked ham, you should have sweet potatoes with it. Boil in their skins, in salted water, until almost tender; peel and cut into suitable pieces for serving, place in a buttered dish, sprinkle with generous amount of brown sugar; bake until glazed.

**Ribbon Christmas Cake** (Indian): Cream 1 cup butter until very light, add slowly 2 cups fruit sugar, and continue beating. Sift 4 cups flour with 4 teaspoons baking powder and (Continued on page 14)

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The happy, laughing din,  
The merry Christmas greetings.  
As all the guests trooped in.  
The walls were hung with holly  
Red berries all a-glow  
And oh, the scenes of folly  
Beneath the mistletoe!*

*The Lady Mice came rustling  
In all their party best,  
In satin, lace and muslin,  
In silk and velvet dressed.  
You should have seen their Escorts,  
The smart, be-whiskered males,  
Arrayed in fancy waistcoats,  
In dancing pumps . . . and tails.*



*And how they frisked the measure  
They heard the fiddlers play . . .  
("Now, may I have the pleasure?  
"Yes, Mr. Mouse, you may!")  
Old grandmamas and grandpas  
Left crutches by the wall  
And joined the Barn Dance Scampers  
At Whisker's Christmas Ball.*

*And Supper! What a spread! Ah . . .  
What cheeses round and rare!  
Dutch, Gorgonzola, Cheddar,  
And Cheshire and Gruyere!  
Spiced bacon, pork and duckling,  
Red apples by the score . . .  
("Miss Twinkletoes, some pudding?"  
"Well . . . just one nibble more!")*

*The candle ends had guttered,  
The sun was in the sky  
Before the first guests muttered  
They ought to squeak Good-bye.  
And how they all thanked Whisker  
And chorused one and all,  
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**ALBERTA GRAINS WIN**  
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### The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT  
Publicity Superintendent,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

Stocks of Canadian visible wheat in store at all points totalled 502.3 million bushels on November 28th, a drop of 1.0 million from the previous week. A year ago the visible supply totalled 463.8 million bushels.

Export clearances of Canadian wheat, exclusive of wheat flour, to overseas destinations during the week totalled 2.5 million bushels, making a total for the season from August 1st of 46.3 millions.

Deliveries to western country elevators dropped off during the week, farmers hauling only 4.7 million bushels. Since August 1st farmers have delivered 122.3 million bushels, or approximately one-half the deliveries for the same period a year ago.

#### Should Stimulate Exports

Approximately 14 million bushels of all grains cleared to Eastern Canadian and United States ports during the week. Of this amount 7.6 millions were destined to U.S.A. ports. The announcement of the reduction of the import duty into the United States to 32¢ per bushel, which applies to Canadian and Argentine grown seed, should stimulate exports to the United States of the Canadian surplus.

Harvesting of wheat will soon be active over wide areas of Argentina and Australia. Weather conditions have been favorable for the extending harvest in the Argentine, but yields have been only fair, although they are expected to show improvement. Australian wheat yields in the early districts have been good, but the weather has turned unfavorable and a reduction in prospective yields is feared. The combined Australian and Argentinian wheat outturn is currently indicated to be around 349 million bushels, a reduction of about 17 million from earlier estimates. This is more than offset by an upward revision in the estimated carryover from 105 million to 135 million bushels. As a result, the total supply in both countries at the start of the new season is expected to be approximately 484 million bushels.

#### Wheat Supply Situation

The following table shows the wheat supply situation in the four large exporting countries, as indicated by latest official estimates, compared with 1940.

	1941	1940
Estimated (million bushels)		
United States.....	1,348	1,098
Canada.....	783	850
Argentina.....	294	274*
Australia.....	191	143
Total.....	2,616	2,365

Broomhall says that home requirements in the four countries are approximately 940 million bushels annually.

### The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,  
K.C., LL.D.

#### Thresherman Careless

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Other answers next issue. Any paid-up subscriber may submit a question.

### Livestock Markets Review

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 3rd.**—The market has been fairly steady with prices slightly higher. Good butcher steers are \$8 to \$8.50, common to medium \$6 to \$7.50; good heifers \$7.50 to \$8, common to medium \$6 to \$7.25; good fed calves \$8.50 to \$8.75; good cows \$5.50 to \$6, common to medium \$4 to \$5.25. Canners and cutters are \$2.75 to \$3.75; good bulls \$6.50 to \$6.75, common \$5 to \$6; good choice veal calves \$8 to \$9, common to medium \$6 to \$7.50 with good stocker and feeder steers selling at \$6.75 to \$7.50, common to medium \$6 to \$6.50. Hogs are steady at \$13.25 to \$13.35 at yards and plants. Good lambs are \$9.25, with fat ewes and yearlings at \$4 to \$5.

**EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Dec. 3rd.**—Prices are unchanged on a market showing no undue activity. Good to choice fed calves are \$8 to \$9; good to choice butcher steers \$7.50 to \$8.25, common to medium \$4 to \$7.25; good to choice heifers \$7.25 to \$7.75, common to medium \$4.50 to \$7; good to choice light cows \$5.25 to \$5.75; good to choice heavy cows \$5 to \$5.50, fair to medium \$4 to \$4.75. Canners and cutters are \$2.50 to \$3.75; good bulls \$6 to \$6.25, common to fair \$4 to \$5.75. Stocker and feeder steers are \$6 to \$6.50, heifers \$5.75 down, cows \$4.50 down. Good to choice handyweight veal calves are \$9 to \$10. Hogs are \$13.60 basic for Coast shipment, \$13.25 at plants. New discounts effective November 24th are: extra heavies up to 234 lbs., \$3 per cwt., 235 lbs. and up, \$3.50, No. 1 sows up to 310 lbs., \$5.25, 311 lbs. and up, \$5.75 and No. 2 sows all weights \$6.25 per cwt. Good to choice handyweight lambs are \$8.50 to \$9, yearlings \$6 down and ewes \$4 down.

### Dairy Market

The market has been rather inactive with buying being done on a hand to mouth basis. Production is holding up well and there is some uncertainty as to what effect the price ceiling regulation will have on future butter markets. Toronto is quoted at 34, Montreal 33-1/2 and Vancouver 32-3/4 cents. Local prices are 34c for prints and 31c for first grade butterfat.

In the course of a tour across Canada, M. J. Coldwell, M.P., and Angus MacInnis, M.P., will speak in Edmonton on December 8th and in Calgary on December 9th. Mr. Coldwell, who recently visited the Old Country, will speak on "Britain as I saw it."

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## Notable Speakers at Wheat Pool Banquet

Delegates and guests who attended the Annual Banquet of the Alberta Wheat Pool in the Renfrew Club last Friday had the privilege of hearing two highly informative, practical, and inspiring addresses, by leaders who have given distinguished service to their fellow men in North America.

One was His Grace, Father J. H. MacDonald, Archbishop of Edmonton, who described the achievement of the Nova Scotia fishermen, farmers and miners and steel workers, in social betterment through co-operation. The other was N. E. Dodd, Director of the Western Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Washington, D.C., who gave a very clear explanation of the working out of the "Triple A" program in the republic, and answered many questions.

### Dislikes Term "Co-operative Business"

Archbishop MacDonald's own association with the building up of the co-operative movement in Nova Scotia has been eminently practical; but he dislikes the term "co-operative business", because it is something much deeper and more fundamental than business success that genuine co-operators have at heart. "It is not the profit motive that we should have before us," he said, "but that of service".

When inquiry was made into the cause of the poverty and distress among the fishermen, investigators reached the conclusion that the educational system was at fault, else "why did it not tell the farmers how to make a living?" So the people gathered together in study clubs. The more they studied their own economic conditions, the more convinced they became that co-operation

### Presides at Banquet



LEW HUTCHINSON

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

was the only way out.

### Study Precedes Action

"One or two or three years' study were insisted upon before any group was allowed to start a co-operative enterprise," said His Grace. "It was necessary first to learn to be good co-operators in *everything*—in relations one with another. Nothing embodies Christian principles as does the co-operative movement, properly understood."

From his observations in various places in Canada where co-operatives have been started, the speaker had been convinced that "the study of the philosophy of co-operation is not insisted on as it should be".

### Some Features of "Triple A"

Mr. Dodd, himself a wheat grower, described the working out of plans launched during the depression years to win for the farmers "a fair share of the national income".

Under the crop insurance plan one feature of the program was explained: the wheat farmer, if he needed a loan, applied to his local bank and the Government backed his note. Paying his premium in the spring in wheat, he was paid off in the fall also in bushels of wheat, if his crop fell short of his allotment. The lower his average crop, the larger the premium. Insurance is against hail, drought or other natural cause, but if a farmer failed to produce a crop through negligence, he was automatically released from future insurance benefits.

This year wheat grower loans have averaged 98 cents a bushel, the payment for agreeing to accept the allotted quota, and many received extra for weight and protein content—as high as 25 cents a bushel for wheat with a protein content of 16 and 17 per cent. If a farmer delivered more than his allotment, he was fined 49 cents a bushel, the elevator agent being responsible for collecting.

Administration locally is by county committees, elected by the producers and paid by them.

Lew Hutchinson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, presided, and greetings were brought by Hon. D. B. MacMillan, Minister of Agriculture, in behalf of the Alberta Government and Ald. H. R. Chauncey, Acting Mayor, in behalf of the city. Musicians were Miss Mary Tierney, L.R.S.M., violinist; Miss Jean Gilbert, L.R.S.M., pianist, and LAC Tommy Robson of the R.N.Z.A.F., soloist.

### Women's Land Army Now Has 18,000 Enrolled

About 18,000 girls and women are now enrolled in the Women's Land Army in Britain, doing many kinds of farm work and releasing men for military service.

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### Fruit Co-operatives in Britain Number 6,000

Nearly 6,000 co-operative fruit preserving centres have been set up in the United Kingdom. Some of these are sponsored by women's organizations and the others by food committees, the object of all being to make the utmost possible use of all fruit, cultivated and wild.

In aid of the Red Cross, Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. (Ponoka) served lunch to the "largest sale ever seen in this community."

About 190 quarts of canned fruit and vegetables were sent to the Junior Red Cross in Calgary by Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. (Scandia). Supplies sent to the Red Cross included 8 air raid quilts and 6 sweaters.

A report on the procedure to be followed in organizing a Health Unit was given at a recent meeting of Arbor Park U.F.W.A. (Ponoka).

The Queen's Air Fund benefitted to the extent of \$115 from a dance and raffle recently sponsored by Namao U.F.W.A.



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This being our Christmas number, here's wishing you a happy New Year and many of 'em.

We ought to advise you to do your Christmas crocking early, but we did that ourself last year and then had to spend a dry Christmas.

By the way, this column is now stationed at Lethbridge, so you'll know where to send that Christmas turkey you forgot last year.

And while on the subject of Christmas presents, if you have a farmer friend who likes reading, why not send him Mustard and Cress for a whole year for one buck? Ye Editor

tells us he'll be pleased to throw in *The Western Farm Leader* free gratis and for nothing.

### THIS IS THE BERRIES

Lil Goldilocks, our office vamp, is all hot and bothered because she hears there will be a shortage of mistletoe this year. She should worry, there won't be any shortage of kisses.

Wonder what kind of Christmas the poor devils in Hun occupied countries will spend. Here's hoping that the R.A.F. delivers plenty of Christmas boxes to Hitler and his gang.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

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### U.S. DEBT LOWER THAN IT

#### Was Nine Years Ago

Notwithstanding the immense expenditures the U.S. is now making on defense, the per capita debt of the country is less than it was eleven years ago. The present public and private debt is estimated by the Department of Commerce at about \$1,263 per person, whereas in 1930 it was \$1,406.

Toronto paper says the nursing profession is facing a grave problem. Whassa matter? Aren't the male patients proposing as often as they used to do?

Speaking of kissing, says the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, nowadays a guy has to take a chance of getting painter's colic.

Down south a woman named Dymond wants a divorce because her husband beat her up every week in the year. Just another Dymond in the rough, what?

**FOREIGN CLASSIC**  
A Russian who's called Petrovitch Gave Jerry a dod on the snitch Which made the Hun bubble Because he saw double, And he didn't quite know vitch was vitch.

—Thenx to Bill Aiken.

Over in England, clothing is rationed but you don't need any coupons for a divorce suit.

Nope, chortles Wally, our incurable bach, and you don't need 'em for breaches of promise suits, either.

### THIS IS GOOD

Neighbor: "I've just heard an awful story about your husband."

Mrs. Brown: "Do tell me. I need a new hat."

**WE SNEAKED THIS ONE**  
A girl who lived near the Amazon Went to sleep walking once with pyjamas on;  
But the trousers—too long Made her trip and fall—bong,  
Then she woke up and found she'd her mama's on.

"My girl is an opportunist. As she had no coupons for her wedding dress, she postponed our wedding till she received her W.A.A.F. uniform."

—Man at North London Police Court.

Communication from Mister Gloom says he has come to the conclusion that the best friend a married man has is his wife's husband.

**HYMN OF HATE**  
We have no love  
For Prissie Lowe,  
Upon OUR cheek  
HER kisses show.

News item says the Fascist party in Spain is to be purged. Sounds like another Seville war.

A boom in babies is reported in the U.S. Uncle Sam must be having a howling good time.

Cynical Gus tells us that some women are so insistent on having the last word they even wrote their husband's epitaphs.

### TSK! TSK! TSK!

'Tis said that fully fifty per cent of the German population are females. Proving of course, that even in Naziland a man can't escape.

### TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

The trouble about those people who insist on speaking their minds is that they can always think of something hateful to say.

And lissen girls, if you want to be kissed this Christmas, just meet the boy friend half way.

BOTTOMS UP!

### CHRISTMAS RECIPES

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1/2 teaspoon salt; add to butter mixture alternately with 1-1/2 cups milk, add 1 teaspoon lemon (or almond) flavoring, and lastly fold in stiffly beaten whites of 8 eggs. Butter four layer cake tins; put plain mixture in two; for the third, color mixture delicate pink with fruit juice and for the fourth, add spices to make a dark layer. Bake in moderate oven; cool; put together with thick layers of good butter icing to which has been added finely chopped nuts, citron peel, and raisins; cover all with plain icing.

**Coffee Cake** (Swedish): Mix topping—2 tablespoons melted butter, 1 tablespoon flour, 4 tablespoons sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon—and set aside. Sift 2 cups flour with 4 teaspoons baking powder. Beat 1 egg with 1/2 cup milk, add 6 tablespoons melted shortening; pour into flour and mix well. Press into well greased round baking tin. Cover with topping.

**Kranz Kuchen** (Austrian): Cream together 1-1/2 cups sugar, 1 cup butter, 3 egg-yolks and 4 tablespoons milk. Beat well, and add 10 drops essence lemon. Now add 1-1/2 cups self-raising flour mixed with 1/2 cup cornstarch and a pinch of salt; last of all add the very stiffly beaten whites of 3 eggs. Butter and flour a large ring mould, pour in batter and bake until a pale brown. When cold, split and fill with this filling: 2 cups milk and 1 cup sugar boiled together, with 2 tablespoons cornstarch (mixed in a little cold milk). Flavor with lemon and simmer until cooked. Stir so that it will not set. Cream half a cup of butter and work in half a cup dessicated coconut, slowly add the cooked cornstarch and beat until light and frothy. Place a thick layer between the two layers of cake, spread the rest over the top of the cake and sprinkle with blanched, grated, almonds.

**Everton Toffee** (English): Melt 2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup golden syrup over low flame, add 3 tablespoons butter and juice of 1 lemon. Boil up quickly, stirring from time to time; when it reaches the hard ball stage pour into buttered tin. Mark into squares; when cool, break off squares and wrap in waxed paper.

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(Continued from page 7)

be obtained from Toronto if your local bookseller cannot supply them. Published by Viking: *They Were Strong and Good*, Lawson, \$2; *Blue Willow*, Gates, \$2. Published by Little: *Ben and Me*, Lawson, \$1.50. Published by Dutton: *Peter Churchmouse*, Austin, \$1.35; *Nicodemus Laughs*, Hogan, \$1. Published by Doubleday: *Copper-toed Boots*, De Angeli, \$2; *Thee Hannah*, De Angeli, \$2; *Lost Lagoon*, Sperry, \$2. Published by Winston: *Greased Lightning*, North, \$2.25; *One Day with Manu*, Sperry, \$2. Published by Macmillan: *Call it Courage*, Sperry, \$2.

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